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LL ASSOCIATIONS

he association committees are busy rogram preparation for the fall tings, the schedule of which ap- s in the Calendar of Events. Miss ice Thomas will be the visiting ker from the Missions Council. was a teacher for 16 years in the nshan School for Girls in Foochow then on the faculty of Fukien istian University, also in Foochow. made many trips visiting little istian churches in the interior of na, often to bandit-infested coun- She is a speaker of fine ability. lso on the team of speakers will Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, presi- t of the Federation of Congrega- al Women, and Superintendent rley H. Gill. Rev. Sidney H. ckham and Rev. W. W. Meyer will ide the associations between them, . Meyer going to the Upper Bay, ramento Valley, and the Central sociations, Mr. Buckham going to n Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Red- od Empire Associations, with both attendance at the Bay Association.

MISS EUNICE THOMAS

P.S.R. PRESIDENT

As announced in the June issue f The Pacific, Rev. Stuart LeRoy nderson has undertaken his duties s President of Pacific School of Re- gion. He revives the tradition of a resident coming from the pastorate. Dr. Anderson is a graduate of Albion College and Chicago Theological Sem- nary. He is an M.A. from Chicago University and holds an honorary degree from Albion. Mrs. Anderson s unusually gifted as a leader, having aken special training for the educa- ional work of the church. Dr. An- derson came to the staff of the First Church, Los Angeles, from Argo, Ill. Later he served the church at Glendale for five years and then at Long Beach for the past seven years. All of North- ern California Congregationalism bids them welcome.

"THE CHURCH GROWS"

A 50c booklet for family reading and discussion, on the theme of our fall Church School lessons for all ages.
Available from our Christian Education office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California.

Surrounded by wooded mountains, in the heart of Trinity County, our church at Weaverville is rendering a splendid service to the community and surrounding area.

On Sunday, June 11, a new parish hall was dedicated. This is the fourth unit in the church plant, there being already a sanctuary, Sunday School building, and parsonage. The new building has a large social hall, rest rooms, and three handsome class rooms. The outside finish is white, to match the other buildings, and the interior rooms are done in bright hues. The money for the structure has been raised locally, without financial aid from national Boards.

A service of dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. L. Steadman, on the above date, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Between two and five in the afternoon there was an open house and reception, which was well attended by visitors from Weaverville and Trinity County. The day of celebration ended with a farewell dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Asplund, beloved members of the church, who have since moved to Susanville.

Our Congregational work in Weaverville began in 1893, and Trinity County was a home mission field for our Conference for many years. The church is now self-supporting, and the completion of this new building makes another milestone in the progress of this institution.

LOPER ELECTED

The Conference as well as the First Church, Berkeley, feels highly honored in the election of Rev. Vere V. Loper as the Moderator of the General Council. The movement to nominate him had its beginning in the Middle West. California, with its usual modesty (?), sat back and let our brethren from east of the Rockies "carry the ball." Dr. Loper really belongs to the whole country, Congregationally. He has served churches in Massachusetts, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, and Colorado before coming to California.

On his arrival in Berkeley eleven years ago he found himself up to his ears in General Council affairs, his church previously having extended an invitation for the 1940 meeting. Not a few people locally and across the country doubted the ability of Berkeley First to do the job. When it was over statistics showed the second largest Council in its history, and many felt that the very finest job in entertaining it had been accomplished.

Vere Loper is one of the finest examples we have of an "all around minister." He is a community man, having been given an award as Berkeley's most useful citizen. He is a good administrator, although he begrudges the time spent in that type of work. He is a student commanding the respect of a university constituency. He is a wise counselor, attracting hundreds of people seeking guidance. He is a great preacher to college youth, service men, his own church, and his brother ministers. He has pulled his share of the load of the Conference and our national Boards. His election as Moderator is a recognition of importance of the ministry as a whole.

So far as the editor can learn, Dr. Loper is the first of our men to be elected to this high post while serving within our Conference.

WIND IT UP

On recommendation of the Board of Directors, the Conference, itself, at Santa Cruz on May 27 voted to ask the churches to take a 1950 Centennial offering on Sunday, September 24. When the Centennial Fund was launched it was understood that the effort would not be completed until December 31, 1950. Up to date something like $67,000 has been raised. The remaining $33,000 is greatly needed.

A number of churches have done little. This is their chance. A goodly number of churches have gone beyond their quota. They will want to do more. A number of Sunday Schools had the little schoolhouse banks last spring for penny offerings. Others may do so now, and those that have not yet gathered their banks and sent in their money may do so. It will all count.

Remember, 70% of the money is for church extension. There are still areas allocated to us that ought to have churches and Sunday Schools that we have not been able to enter. Thirty per cent is for Cazadero, and so far we have not the money in sight for the one main building that is next.

Let us get behind this offering with a 100% participation in every church!

P.S.R. EXTENSION COURSES

The Pacific School of Religion is offering extension courses for pastors and lay people during the fall quarter. On Monday afternoons, at Berkeley, there will be courses under Prof. Robert E. Fitch on "Varieties of Ethical Theory," and Prof. Correll M. Julian on "The Effective Rural Church." It is expected that Prof. Hugh Vernon White will give a six weeks course on "Great Christian Doctrines," at Sacramento. Detailed information may be secured by writing the school.

Our Christian World Mission Goals

Revised goals are being suggested to our churches for their giving to Our Christian World Mission for the year 1951, according to the chairman of the committee, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, of San Mateo. At the meeting of the state chairmen of O.C.W.M., held at Cleveland last February, the idea of goals was strongly endorsed. Many states had set up such standards and had found cordial response on the part of the churches.

The formula used by the New York Conference was selected by our Northern California Committee as being fair and attainable. This formula takes into account membership, home expenses, and previous benevolence giving. For the great majority of the churches the goal thus arrived at presents a real challenge of advance, and yet not so high as to be discouraging. For a smaller group of our churches the goal would be utterly beyond them in one year. They are being asked to be a "Step Up Church," making progress toward the goal each year. Finally, there are the "Second Mile" churches, already doing more than the mathematical formula would indicate but still, it is hoped, willing to move ahead.

The O.C.W.M. Committee is sending notices of goals and outlining the very many beautiful and effective materials for use in preparing for Every Member Canvasses. These include motion picture films, film strips and records, literature on stewardship, turnover charts for canvassers, and the like.

Mr. Gaskell will head a team to go to five or six centers to hold conferences with pastors, chairmen of Boards of Trustees, and of Every Member Canvass committees, demonstrating the materials, explaining the goals, and giving a picture of our denominational program.

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SUCCESSFUL CAZADERO

Our sixth summer season at Congregational Cazadero has been a fruitful one, with a substantial increase in attendance over previous years. The two Family Camps were excellent, both of them filled to capacity.

So hard to report in words are the inspiration and challenge received by every camper and leader from a week of Christian community living. Results will be seen in local youth groups throughout the year and in the fruits of Christian decisions made.

Many youth delegates are looking forward to an early reunion at the September 23 Pilgrim Fellowship presidential banquet in Hayward, where Dr. Stuart Anderson will speak and Cazadero picture will be shown.

REV. JAMES W. PRICE

Rev. James W. Price, who attended our annual meeting at Santa Cruz, was stricken within a few days with blood-clot, resulting in the amputation of one of his limbs. This was a serious shock, but he seemed for a time to recover and was in the best of spirits, but a repetition of the difficulty occurred and he died in the hospital in San Jose on July 5.

Mr. Price was born in New Brunswick in 1866. His early ministry was in the Salvation Army, under whose auspices he worked for thirteen years, building institutions along the east coast of the United States. In 1899 he was appointed to a Methodist church and was pastor of several charges in New England until 1908, when he moved to Oregon, having a Methodist church there until 1910. He then transferred to the Congregational fellowship and served churches in Oregon, Washington, and the two California Conferences. Upon retirement in 1942 he lived in San Jose, and was very active and effective in our First Church. He was the leader of a remarkable Bible class. During the illness of Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Mr. Price did the pastoral work for that church.

Mrs. Price, who has been his companion since 1889, survives him, as do six children, eighteen grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren. Our Northern California people are well acquainted with one of the sons, Rev. James H. Price, who, with his wife, Helen, has been very active in our fellowship for many years. Their daughter, Barbara, has been in Student Summer Service work several summers, and young James is the retiring president of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Memorial services were held by Mr. Peabody and Supt. Gill on July 8. Mr. Price will be remembered as a man of alert mind, deep devotion, and with a great capacity for human friendship.

Gain, But Modest

Still a modest gain over last year. Many churches slipped somewhat during the summer. There remain others that kept up very well. From now until the end of the year, we must look to all of our churches and organizations to do their very best, that Our Christian World Mission may be worthy of its name.

	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31,'49	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31,'50
Alameda	$ 755.67	$ 510.70
Alturas	79.94	73.81
Angels Camp	321.33	68.41
Antioch	92.74	276.95
Auburn	182.16	100.00
Benicia	15.50	26.00
Berkeley, Arlington	272.22	479.86
Chinese	——	25.07
First	6,896.51	7,476.78
North	898.40	900.60
Northbrae	276.17	400.00
South	606.12	490.04
Biola	47.68	46.08
Campbell	408.25	509.90
Cedarville	46.43	32.10
Cloverdale	101.25	84.25
Cotati	64.50	50.01
Crockett	58.92	91.40
Dinuba	2.00	1.00
Eagleville	7.36	13.38
Elk Grove	33.64	67.14
Etna	50.23	49.33
Eureka	843.79	894.39
Fairfax	175.00	190.80
Ferndale	282.06	287.83
Fowler	125.00	——
Fresno, First	2,161.45	2,518.09
Free Cross	——	323.84
Japanese	——	61.25
Zion	66.08	10.00
Glen Ellen	34.23	99.50
Guerneville	36.95	221.09
Hayward	1,461.40	1,647.38
Kenwood	74.03	44.22
Likely	7.13	——
Lodi, Ebenezer	299.30	96.52
First	2,416.52	2,124.28
Loleta	26.11	24.82
Loomis	100.00	——
Martinez	1,097.61	1,275.17
Modesto	64.06	88.67
Murphys	——	5.00
Niles	113.50	24.30
Oakland, Bethany	71.57	——
First	3,947.83	3,611.27
Fruitvale	67.41	——
Japanese	30.00	——
New Pilgrim	76.94	325.51
Plymouth	1,795.28	1,451.39
Orinda	967.80	410.98
Oroville	174.85	250.00
Pacific Grove	138.26	75.84
Palo Alto	2,768.13	2,625.50
Paradise	416.50	485.60
Parlier	10.00	15.00
Penngrove	39.55	99.55
Pescadero	——	26.45
Petaluma	1,055.00	500.00
Pittsburg	222.66	290.37
Port Chicago	61.10	5.00
Porterville	1,404.00	1,400.00
Redwood City	531.84	674.94
Reedley	15.00	——
Rio Vista	80.00	50.00
Ripon	277.39	231.82
Sacramento, Pioneer	1,337.00	1,938.00
Sierra Arden	161.33	137.25
Salida	26.53	31.25
San Carlos	720.00	970.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Miss. Pk.	137.20	68.15
Calvary	30.00	——
Chinese	——	26.50
First	843.42	1,266.57
Ocean View	100.00	100.00
Park Presidio	368.62	662.11
Sanger	66.33	54.36
San Jose	1,401.89	1,393.34
San Leandro	249.41	121.83
San Lorenzo	65.75	17.69
San Mateo	2,350.00	3,050.00
San Rafael	44.70	117.15
Santa Cruz	1,054.87	985.48
Santa Rosa	113.52	246.69
Saratoga	273.34	475.17
Sebastopol	314.84	460.84
Sonoma	59.01	190.67
Soquel	92.95	111.15
Stockton	1,272.67	1,022.62
Suisun	82.50	65.00
Sunnyvale	215.65	73.70
Sunol	7.79	130.34
Tulare	1,405.00	973.00
Weaverville	100.00	100.00
Woodside	29.00	94.35
Reno, Nevada	540.12	579.23
Misc. & individual	1,264.12	215.00
Pilgrim Fellowship	——	1,913.71
TOTALS	$49,479.91	$51,830.33

N. CAL. REPRESENTED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

From the National Student Assembly meeting at Elmhurst College, Illinois, word has just come that Bob Inglis has been elected national chairman of United Student Fellowship. Formerly Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship president, Bob is now a student at Stanford. A strong Northern California delegation is attending the student conclave, with Ken Kinnear as adviser: Beryl Lohse, Avonne Ravekes, Bob Crawford, and Douglas MacKenzie.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Two beautiful new illuminated signs have been installed, and the social rooms are being fixed up with new curtains. The organization of the church is being revised to make possible greater efficiency. Attendance is averaging 250 each Sunday morning. Rev. Philip G. Murray is pastor.

LODI, FIRST—Three new members were received into the church July 30. A new church directory has been published. An all family Sunday School picnic was held August 14. During vacation of Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. G. A. Werner and Rev. W. E. Gregory of the College of the Pacific, and Rev. Ira Barnett of Burlingame.

KENWOOD-GLEN ELLEN — A successful vacation school has been conducted at Glen Ellen under a force of 13 workers and with an enrollment of 77 pupils. In view of the growth of the Kenwood Sunday School, the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, is moving out of the parsonage and will hereafter live at Glen Ellen, thus making more room for educational work.

REV. JOSEPH BENNETT TO CLOVERDALE

Rev. Joseph H. Bennett has resigned at San Francisco, Ocean View Church, and accepted the call to our church at Cloverdale. This will give Cloverdale outstanding leadership. Their situation has been quite uncertain for the last two or three years. They should now be ready for a strong forward movement.

Ocean View is at once undertaking the search for a minister who can come in and take charge of the building enterprise, which is ready to go. Working drawings are practically complete. A goodly number of volunteer workers have been wanting to get at it for some time. The Conference office is cooperating, in the hopes that Ocean View may have its minister and its building at the earliest possible date.

SIERRA ARDEN MUST BUILD

Another one of our churches that is literally bursting at the seams is Sacramento, Sierra Arden. Their first unit is still incomplete and the community is growing at an unbelievable rate. Additional facilities must be had at once or children will be refused admission to the Sunday School, even though two sessions are held each Sunday morning and the youth meet in the evening. A large new dwelling house project is growing up immediately across from the church. Three new schools are being built in the area. If $100,000 could be had at once, the facilities provided by it would be too small the day they were opened. Urgent additional help is being asked from the Church Building Society. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester spent their vacation studying new church institutions in Southern California.

FACE LIFTING

The office of the Conference has gotten its equipment through the years much like the youngest member of a large family gets his clothes. At one time or another no less than six district offices of national boards have been in San Francisco. In the interest of efficiency, one by one they closed, dumping desks, filing cabinets, records, literature and "what have you" into the Conference office. Quite literally we have been furnished by cast-offs. Through the years the field work has seemed so important and need for money so great that the motto has been, "make it do," and, frankly, the staff has come to accept it and feel comfortable about it.

Then what happens? Along comes a layman who thinks this beloved old office is a disgrace, that it ought to have its face lifted, its limbs replaced or at least scrubbed, its baggage overhauled; in short, modern styling should supplant our general tatterdemalion appearance. What's more, he puts up the money to do it, and hustles us all down to an office equipment store to make our selections before the scarcity of materials becomes too acute.

Result? Four lovely new desks, four new desk chairs, 12 side chairs, 7 new five-drawer filing cases, and 5 new cabinets with shelving and doors—the whole business to be modernistic and made of steel with grey finish. As a by-product, the educational office in Berkeley becomes the youngest child, receiving some cast-offs, but much better than they have had.

So, come up and see us some time, and share with us in our pride, and help us feel thankful to the great good friend that did it—and, remember, it didn't come out of the Centennial Fund or the missionary giving of our churches.

COTATI—Mr. Forrest Miller, soon to enter the second year class at Pacific School of Religion, has been called for one year to succeed Mr. Walter Vernon as pastor. Mr. Vernon has accepted a call to the Saticoy Church in Southern California.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 23—PF Banquet, Hayward.
September 24 — Centennial Offering Sunday for Northern California.
October 1—World Communion Sunday.
October 8—Special Sunday for the International Christian University of Japan.
October 14—Christian Vocations Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
October 14-15—Redwood-Upper Bay PF Rally, Martinez.
October 14-15—Laymen's Retreat at Cazadero.
October 19—Fall meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Ebenezer Church, Lodi.
October 20—San Joaquin Association, First Church, Fresno.
October 22—Santa Clara Association, Soquel.
October 25—Upper Bay Association, Rio Vista.
October 26—Sacramento Valley Association, Auburn.
October 27—Central Association, at Murphys.
October 30—Bay Association, at San Lorenzo.
November 2—Redwood Empire Association, Eureka.
December 3—Creation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
May 17-18-19, 1951—Annual Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

LEASANT HILL — Rev. Robert arlson, on July 1, moved into the home provided by the Women's ague of the First Congregational rch, Oakland. He at once went ork on a list of names which had gathered by the Conference of and by Mr. William McReynolds, had been doing survey work. hin three weeks fifty good pros s had been enlisted for member . A committee on building plans another on building finances have set up. Group meetings have n held. The minister is making average of 60 calls a week. Al ly within the parish there are 2,800 es and more are being built. rly all of the people in the area young, with families of babies young children. An attractive let, prepared by a committee of new organization, has been sent to about 2,500 addresses.

ANGELS CAMP — Rev. Lawrence Granger has been asked to give re time to the boys' school at cot. This school is under the aus es of the California Youth Author Mr. Granger has been serving Protestant chaplain. The State has de it possible for him to give more e.. The Angels Camp church has en adding a new wing to their lding, funds for which have been vided locally and labor on a vol teer basis. They are to have a ilee celebration on September 17, h Supt. Harley H. Gill as preacher.

PORTERVILLE — Attendance was risingly high through the summer. e chancel of the sanctuary has been ered in line with the present trend church architecture. The floor of e social hall has been refinished. v. and Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith ent their vacation in San Diego. n August 26, Rev. J. A. Milligan s honored by a reception on the casion of his 90th birthday.

ORINDA—This is another church at simply must have more room. ans for an additional building and r rearrangement and improvement other facilities have been approved. here remains a sizeable and discour ing gap between cost and resources, t, the church and its boards are termined to move forward. Rev. red R. Morrow is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM — A ery successful daily vacation church hool, with 52 pupils enrolled, was eld. The newly organized Pilgrim layers gave an amusing one-act play a capacity audience on July 15. ev. George W. Lindsay, pastor, took part of his vacation with the Explor r Scout Unit into the high country f Yosemite Park.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—The build ng has been altered so that there is oth a chapel and a Sunday School oom. The church has received help rom the funds of the C.W.V.R. to elp reestablish their work but be comes self-supporting as of September irst. Rev. Norio Ozaki, pastor.

RIO VISTA — The old sanctuary as been torn down, since it was struc urally unsafe. New plans have been drawn for a new sanctuary which will cost about $35,000. Rev. John N. Bridges is pastor.

MARTINEZ — Six new members were received on July 16. Plans for the fall activities have been laid. The finances of the church are in an unusually healthy condition. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL—Rev. Horst R. Jeschke began his work June first in the geographical heart of the city of San Francisco. His first contacts were with the members of the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church. He next devoted himself to following up the house-to-house canvass made a year ago and calling on the people in the area who had expressed an interest in the project. Services are being held in the parsonage. The architect's plans have been approved and the working drawings are being prepared, with the expectation that contract can be let for the first unit before the end of September. Mr. Jeschke will be installed on Sunday, September 24.

OAKLAND, FIRST—Rev. Sumner H. Gill of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass., son of Supt. Gill, supplied the pulpit during July while Rev. Clarence Reidenbach was on vacation. The church is happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Robert Knowles, who will be the new directors of religious education. Mr. Knowles is a graduate of the YMCA School of Springfield, Mass., and is attending the Pacific School of Religion. Mrs. Knowles has an M.A. degree in Religious Education from Hartford Seminary.

REDWOOD CITY—Here are some things that have been done in the past year: repairing of roof, cleaning and painting of outside and inside of the building, improved lighting fixtures, a sound speaking system, remodeling of the chancel with altar, lectern and the various furnishings that go with the altar including a rerebos and draperies, and the installation of choir stalls. In addition, there have been a driveway, a new porch, and a lovely rug. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

CEDARVILLE - EAGLEVILLE—Rev. and Mrs. Clifford S. Higby attended summer session at the Pacific School of Religion and visited in Denver. Mr. Robert Crawford, senior at the University of California, looked after their parish during the summer. Miss Avonne Ravekes conducted vacation schools, with an enrollment of 44 at Cedarville and 25 at Eagleville.

SAN MATEO — Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, the pastor, supplied the First Congregational Church of San Francisco during the vacation of Rev. William E. McCormack. The San Mateo church has secured Rev. Terence Stoker, formerly student work director of our Reno church, as assistant and to be in charge of youth work and Christian education.

PORT CHICAGO—Mr. Louis Gerhardt, a first year student at Pacific School of Religion, has come as pastor of this church. While doing college work he has had pastorates at Pasco, Washington and Gaston, Oregon. With wife and two children he has moved into the parsonage and is at work.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—Eight new members were received on July 30. As stated elsewhere in the Pacific, Rev. Orval S. Clay comes as Director of Christian Education and Youth Work. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

SALIDA—This church has suffered the loss of its minister, Rev. Orval S. Clay, who has been called as youth work director of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — Beginning with September 1, Mrs. James H. Price becomes a member of the staff. She will be adviser to various organizations. Rev. James H. Price, as a voluntary lay worker, is to direct the San Francisco Sunday Evening Club, which will meet at the church each Sunday evening, and plans to make it a widely known platform for speakers and forums. Rev. William E. McCormack, the pastor, was on the faculty of the LaForet summer school. He was also speaker at the Northwest Regional Conference. On September 3, deacons and other officers presented him with a testimonial of appreciation at the beginning of his second year.

SAN LORENZO—Two work days were observed, with more than 140 people participating in one or the other or both. As a result the property is more nearly approaching completion. Lawn has been put in, well and pump installed, sprinkler system arranged, and many improvements on the building. A paid enrollment in the vacation school of 181, together with trained leadership, combined to make the best vacation church school in the history of the church. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz was the glad recipient of a very much needed present—a brand new automobile!

FOWLER — Rev. Sarkis Papajian has resigned and has become chaplain and Director of Education at the St. Paul's Orphanage in Greenville, Pennsylvania. This is an Evangelical and Reformed institution, and Mr. Papajian is a minister of that fellowship. A notable reception was given to him by the church and community in Fowler, where his splendid record of achievements was happily recognized. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, Presbyterian minister, is now serving as pastor.

HAYWARD—This church had a very successful vacation church school. It will entertain the PF Presidential Banquet on September 23. The fall schedule will contain a series of Learning for Life seminars. Two services of worship will be held every Sunday morning. Rev. Richard Norberg is pastor. Mr. Verne Robinson is assistant.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—This church, organized only a few years ago, has a budget for the coming year amounting to more than $22,000. The campaign is under way for the raising of it. Mrs. Mary Gray is to be director of religious education, and it is hoped that a part-time youth leader will be secured to assist Rev. J. Hood Snavely, the minister.

FAIRFAX—A new parsonage is being purchased. This may indicate future plans of Rev. James W. Montgomery, who up to now has been a bachelor. Congratulations may not yet be in order for the minister, but they certainly are for the church in securing a long needed addition to the property.

SUNOL — During August, the church received two coats of white paint. Toilet facilities have been installed. Student Summer Service workers conducted a very good vacation school. Rev. Robert Whitaker is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE—An architect has been secured for the development of the building on the new site. An old dwelling house has been repaired. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

MIRA VISTA — Outdoor services were held on each Sunday in August. Beginning with the first of September, Sunday morning services are being held in the Richmond Memorial Youth Center, which is one and a half miles nearer our territory than the location of the services last spring. The Women's Fellowship is busy, and the men have formed an organization. The minister, Rev. Gifford M. Webster, was chaplain for Family Camp No. 2 and active in other camps at Cazadero. The Building Society at its June meeting approved a loan and grant to help make possible proceeding with the first unit.

FRESNO, FIRST—Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop of Pacific School of Religion was the preacher during July, while Rev. John H. Gregg was on vacation. Duplicate services and Sunday School sessions were maintained through the summer. Average church attendance since the building was occupied stands at 382. Six hundred are now enrolled in the Church School and youth work. A building completion program for $75,000 has been launched to care for three departmental rooms and a chapel. Dr. Gregg was approached very persuasively by one of the largest churches in America but felt that his work in Fresno was not yet finished.

TULARE—This church has called Rev. Harold F. Cram of Hawaii. Mr. Cram has been on the staff of the Hawaiian Board and the Territorial Association. He has returned to the islands for his family and household belongings, and will begin at Tulare on or about October first. The church has had Sunday supply during the past few months and is eager to begin a vigorous program for the year.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR—Plans have been approved for the very fine addition to the building, and campaign for completion of the financing is going forward. A local bank is making it possible for immediate erection. A total of $24,600 has been pledged. $17,000 more is needed. The average church school attendance in 1950 has been 238. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans and family spent their vacation in Petaluma and on their ranch. We are reliably informed that Mr. Gans knows how to make and pour concrete, how to erect buildings, dig wells, make fences, and plant and tend gardens. The editor of the Pacific can give personal testimony. He saw it with his own eyes.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Rev. J. P. Coleman was appointed to this church by the Methodist Conference in June. He has held pastorates in Fresno, Mariposa, and Chowchilla. His educational work was done at Asbury College, the University of California, and Drew Theological Seminary.

BIOLA — Extensive improvements are being made on the church building, with the renovation of the narthex and sanctuary. The tower and front of the church are being stuccoed. The total cost will be about $5,000, all of which has been collected. Rev. Philip Reich is pastor.

ALAMEDA—Rev. Ralph V. Conard represented the Alameda Community Council at a workshop on community organization, meeting in Claremont. Five members were received into the church on June 4.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next meeting of the Federation will be the big FALL MEETING on October 19, at the Ebenezer Church, Lodi, California. (Note: On the Federation schedule for 1950, this meeting takes the place of the Spring Meeting of former years. The women of the Lodi Church will serve the lunch. Watch for further announcements!)

AUGUST MEETING

An unusually large group of women, for August, met at the First Church, Oakland, on the third Thursday of August, the 17th. From the happy looks on their faces and the joy in their voices as they greeted each other, one could tell that they were glad to gather again after the long vacation, for there had not been a meeting since April. Mrs. Gail Cleland, first vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, who was still in the high Sierras.

Mrs. Cleland made several important announcements, including (1) the resignation of Mrs. George Ludlow as Home Field Secretary and the election of Mrs. James E. Cooper of San Leandro as her successor; (2) the last meeting of WBMP (Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific) to be held at the Pacific School of Religion at 12:00 o'clock, September 6, 1950; (3) the Planning Conference for Conference Committees and Board members at Cazadero, September 11-13; (4) the Fall Meeting of the Federation to be held in Lodi, at the Ebenezer Congregational Church, October 19, 1950; and (5) watch for the announcement of the Association meetings in October! Our Association presidents are working with the program committees as they plan for the Women's Hour.

Mrs. Cleland then introduced Mrs. James Cooper, who had an hour for the presentation of the Home study theme: "Toward a Christian Community." Her inspiration for this was gained at the M. E. M. (Missionary Education Movement) Conference at Asilomar, August 4-9, to which she was a delegate from the Federation. She brought the topic directly to our attention by asking, "Where does the city church get its members?" And to answer her question she called at random on some fifteen of those present to say where they first became interested in the church. All but two replied that they came from country or small town churches. This was a reason, she pointed out, why all of our women in large or small churches will have an interest in the study books for this year, which are: "Rural Prospect" by Mark Rich, and "So Sure of Life" by Violet Wood.

She presented the special methods of bringing these books to the women of the churches as set forth in the guide on "Toward a Christian Community" for leaders of adult groups, by Oscie Sanders. These books may be ordered from the Literature Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Pemberton, 608 Santa Fe Avenue, Berkeley.

Mrs. Cooper also suggested the use of the soundstrip, "Beyond City Limits," and the two filmstrips, "Made in the U.S.A." and "Miracle in Missouri." These can be gotten through Rev. William W. Meyer's office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

Mrs. W. V. Benedict of First Church, Oakland, was then introduced by Mrs. Cooper. She had been to Asilomar, too, and she told not only a bit about the book, "So Sure of Life" by Violet Wood, but also of a record she had bought and would lend to anyone who wished to use it with the book. The record brought the voices of Dr. Leslie C. Sayre of New York, member of the M.E.M. Board, Miss Violet Wood, author of the book, and Dr. Robert F. Thomas, a home missionary in the Pittman Center area in the Tennessee Smoky Mountains, whose work for the past 23 years at Pittman Center is the story told in the book. Mrs. Benedict's address is 128 Caperton Avenue, Piedmont 11, for the benefit of those who wish to borrow or perhaps rent the record. It is most interesting.

Mrs. H. D. Kendall gave a fine report of the State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp, and then gave a brief glimpse into another of the study books: "Once There Were Two Churches," written by Fred D. Wentzel for young people, or, in fact, for any age from junior high through adult.

Mrs. Ruth Edwards led the devotions, reading the story of Ruth from the Bible and from the little booklet, "Women of the Bible."

Mrs. Ernest A. Evans presided at lunch and had several people introduced, a number of whom had never been to a Federation meeting before. Among those welcomed were two representatives from each of our two newest Centennial church projects, Mira Vista in Richmond, and Gregory Gardens near Concord. Mrs. R. B. Whitaker presented the president and three others from the women's group of the Sunol Glen church. This church has been reactivated after 23 years, and in two years has gained 46 members.

Mrs. E. A. Heath brought four other women from Sierra Arden and Mrs. J. A. Ream of Paradise brought three members of their Winslow Circle. Mrs. William E. McCormack, wife of the minister of First Church, San Francisco, and two others were introduced by Mrs. R. A. Fuller.

Mrs. Wm. F. Pemberton, literature secretary, was another delegate to Asilomar, and she was most enthusiastic over the Conference. She asked Miss Edith Parsons, a former missionary in Turkey, to give the geographical background of the Near East. She told of the countries, the different languages and cultures found there, and why it is the political tinderbox of the world today. Mrs. Pemberton then told of the study books available, which may be ordered from her. They are: "Near East Panorama" by Gloria M. Wysner, "Introducing Islam" by J. Christy Wilson, and "Assignment: Near East" by James Batal. She also recommended the use of the film, "South of the Clouds." For a more personal touch with Congregational work in the Near East, she asked Mrs. Lewis Taylor, the Foreign Field secretary, to read excerpts from letters of the American Board missionaries to the Near East. These letters may be gotten from the American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

Mrs. Cleland expressed the sympathy of all of the Federation members to the families of the group who have been bereaved since the April meeting. Our former corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. L. Jackson of San Mateo, passed away in June. More recently, Mrs. John Wright Buckham, mother of Mr. W. Bayard Buckham and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, was called home, and on August 1, Dr. C. R. Claiborne, husband of our own Mrs. Claiborne, died very suddenly of a heart attack.

Two beloved members of the Federation were too ill to attend the meeting. They were Mrs. H. T. Helfer and Mrs. C. T. Tinker.

Annual Missionary Education Institutes, presented by the Interdenominational Council of Missions, with which the Federation of Congregational Women is affiliated, will be held in the following places:

Bay Area—September 20 (Wednesday), First Presbyterian Church, Oakland.

Richmond—September 22 (Friday), First Presbyterian Church.

San Jose—September 27 (Wednesday), First Presbyterian Church.

Santa Rosa—September 28 (Thursday), Methodist Church.

Modesto—October 3 (Tuesday).

Burlingame—October 6 (Friday), First Baptist Church.

Marysville—October 11 (Wednesday), First Christian Church.

Mrs. Gail Cleland and Mrs. C. R. Claiborne of the Federation are on the program.

CONVOCATION

The Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Churches has announced an annual convocation for ministers and laymen for November 7 and 8 in Berkeley. Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, of the Christian Century, will give the two evening addresses. There will be three seminars of great interest to ministers. Further announcements will appear later. Churches and ministers are asked to keep the dates clear.

REV. ISAAC FLEMING

Many Pacific readers will remember Rev. Isaac Fleming, for some years pastor at Benicia. Word recently came that he had passed away in Southern California on April 28. The service of remembrance was held at the Mount Hollywood Congregational Church with Rev. Alan Hunter officiating.

BRIDGES ELECTED

While President Ronald Bridges has left California, our people will be interested to know that at the Cleveland meeting he was elected President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, succeeding Rev. Russell Henry Stafford.

JAPAN I. C. U. APPEAL

Congregational churches throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona will participate in the vanguard appeal to be made Sunday, October 8, in behalf of the Japan International Christian University. It will mark the first large scale effort to redeem the promise made by American Protestants to build ICU before the end of next year.

Dedicated to the training of new leaders for a new Japan of Christianity and democracy, the University is destined to become the greatest educational outpost of Protestantism in the Far East. It will specialize in the preparation of post-graduate students for leadership in government, education, and welfare work.

Churches of major denominations are joining in a united observance of ICU Sunday, when the appeal will be presented directly to each congregation. The six west coast states have a goal of $1,200,000. The national goal is $10,000,000.

The extreme importance of ICU as a bulwark against Communism in the Orient has been stressed by Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan and now serving as national campaign chairman for the University project. He says:

"Today Japan stands at the crossroads. On the one hand, there is the road that will lead to peace and democracy, a road that to some may appear steep and difficult, for the Japanese themselves have made it so; on the other hand, is the deceitfully easy road to Communism and totalitarianism. Japanese youth stands at the forks of this highway, groping and doubtful as to which course to follow.

"Never in my memory has a greater opportunity been offered to us to help a people find the right way. Never has a challenge seemed clearer."

LA FORET DELEGATES

Several of our pastors attended the special school at LaForet, Colorado under auspices of our Board of Home Missions. They report a very hard but worthwhile daily schedule. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman of Oroville, Rev. John C. Mickle of South Berkeley, Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap of Oak Park, Sacramento, Rev. Christian Martin of Zion Church, Fresno, Rev. Orval S. Clay of Salida, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler of Fruitvale Church, Oakland, and Rev. J. Hood Snavely of Arlington Church, Berkeley, made up our delegation.

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